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Math and Science Whiz Kids to Take the Future of Automotive Technology Out For a Spin

- Middle school students from across the country design, build and race their own hydrogen-powered model cars

Denver, CO – On Thursday, June 22, 2006, 26 middle school student teams from across the nation will compete in the Department of Energy's annual National Science Bowl Hydrogen Fuel Cell Model Car Competition at the University of Denver in Denver, Colorado. Based on the construction and speed of their hydrogen car, middle school teams participating in the Hydrogen Fuel Cell Model Car Competition have a chance to win prizes for their school's science department.

WHO: 26 middle school regional Science Bowl Finalist teams from around the country

WHAT: The Middle School National Science Bowl Hydrogen Fuel Cell Model Car Competition sponsored by DOE and General Motors

WHEN: Thursday June 22, 2006
Students finish building their cars, **6:00-7:00 PM**
Races begin, **7:15 PM**

WHERE: University of Denver
Newman Center for the Performing Arts
Gates Concert Hall
2344 East Iliff Avenue
Denver, CO 80208

BACKGROUND:

The Hydrogen Car Competition is part of the National Middle School Science Bowl Finals, held June 21 through June 24, in Denver, Colorado.

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Students will build their hydrogen cars from everyday household materials, with creative touches such as using compact disks as wheels. While the speeds at which these models travel may leave some NASCAR or Indy Series fans a bit disappointed, the real excitement is in watching these students envision and create possible next steps in automotive history.

Dr. Kristen Zimmerman, a GM engineer who is currently working as manager of Environment and Energy Policy. Dr. Zimmerman will speak to the students about the future development of transportation technology.

For more information on DOE's National Middle School Science Bowl and the Hydrogen Fuel Cell Model Car Competition visit: <http://www.scied.science.doe.gov/nmsb/default.htm>

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